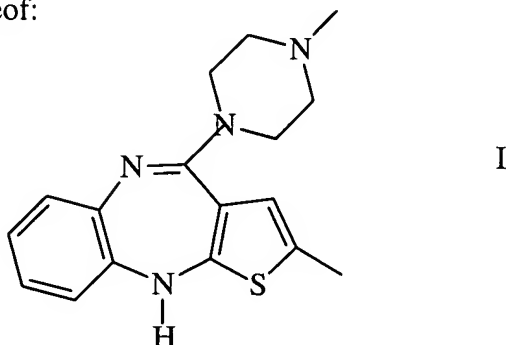
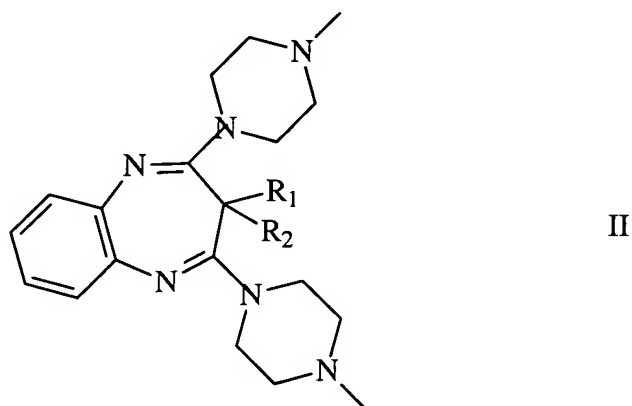


**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) Process for the manufacture of Olanzapine of the following formula I or a salt thereof:



by converting a compound of the following formula II or a salt thereof

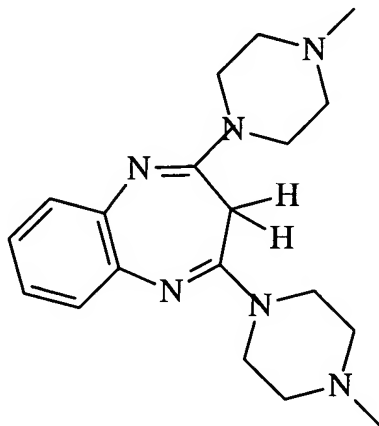


~~in which~~ wherein

- (i) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> together form =CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, or
- (ii) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> are both H, or
- (iii) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> is H and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> is ~~-CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>~~ -CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein R<sub>3</sub> ~~R<sub>3</sub>~~ is a leaving group that can be eliminated together with ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> to result in ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> together forming =CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>,  
to give Olanzapine or a salt thereof.

2. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein the leaving group ~~R3~~ R<sub>3</sub> is ~~-OR4~~ -OR<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of H, acyl, and sulfonyl.

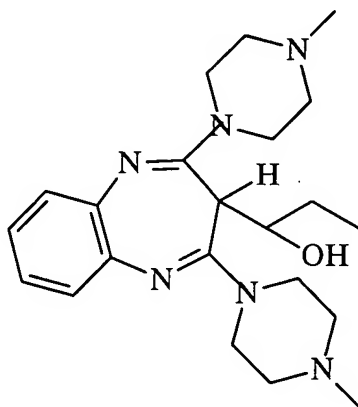
3. (Currently Amended)) Process according to claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R<sub>4</sub>~~ R<sub>4</sub> is H.
4. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 2, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R<sub>4</sub>~~ R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group of acyl and sulfonyl and preferably is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.
5. (Currently Amended) Process according to claim 1, ~~in which~~ wherein ~~R<sub>1</sub>~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R<sub>2</sub>~~ R<sub>2</sub> together form =CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub> and the conversion is performed by reacting the compound of formula II with a source of sulfur.
6. (Cancelled)
7. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim ~~1~~ 11, ~~which~~ wherein the compound of formula II is benzodiazepine of the following formula IV:



IV

or salts thereof.

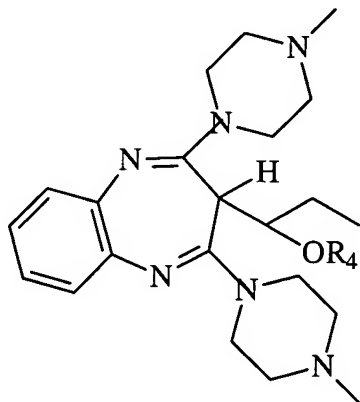
8. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim ~~1-11~~, ~~which~~ wherein the  
compound of formula II is benzodiazepine-propanol of the following formula VI:



VI

~~or salts thereof.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The ~~compound~~ process according to claim ~~1-11~~, ~~which~~ wherein the  
compound of formula II is benzodiazepine-ester of the following formula VII:

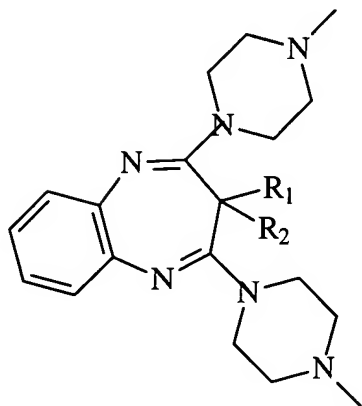


VII

~~in which~~ wherein ~~R4~~ R<sub>4</sub> is selected from the group consisting of acyl and sulfonyl ~~and preferably~~  
~~is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl, or salts thereof.~~

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A compound of the following formula



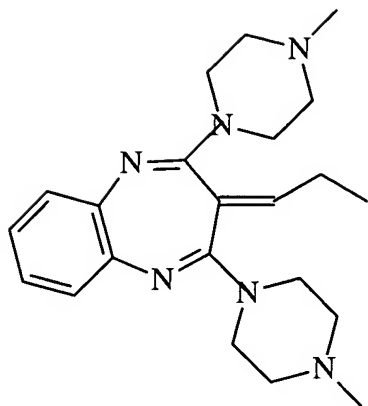
or salts thereof

~~in which~~ wherein

- (i) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> together form =CH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, or
- (ii) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> are both H, or
- (iii) ~~R1~~ R<sub>1</sub> is H and ~~R2~~ R<sub>2</sub> is ~~-CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>~~ -CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein R<sub>3</sub> is -OR<sub>4</sub>, R<sub>4</sub> R<sub>3</sub> is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, acyl and sulfonyl ~~and preferably is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl, or salts thereof.~~

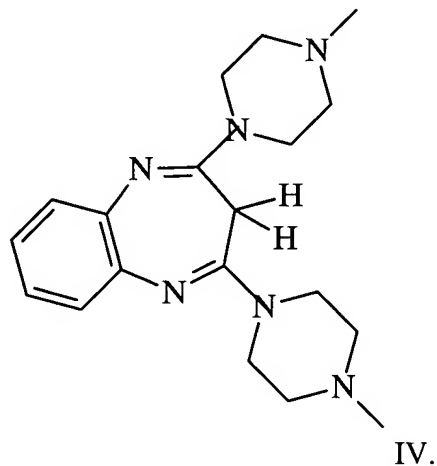
12. (New) The compound of claim 11 wherein R<sub>1</sub> is H and R<sub>2</sub> is -CH(R<sub>3</sub>)-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>3</sub>, wherein R<sub>4</sub> is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.

13. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is a propylidene-benzodiazepine of the following formula III:



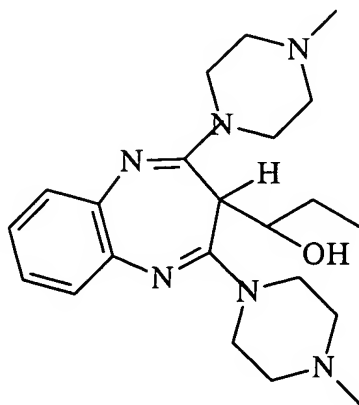
III.

14. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is benzodiazepine of the following formula IV:



IV.

15. (New) The compound according to claim 11, which is benzodiazepine-propanol of the following formula VI:



VI.

16. (New) The process of claim 9 wherein  $R_4$  is trifluoroacetyl or methane sulfonyl.